



# USSOCOM SBIR Transition Success Story



## Innovative Technology

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**Topic Title** | Extreme Environment Hand-Wear System

The Outdoor Research Generation II Modular Glove System consists of five types of compatible handwear: a contact glove, a flame resistant combat glove, an intermediate waterproof glove, an extreme cold weather waterproof glove, and extreme cold weather waterproof mitt. The complete set of gloves consists of (1) two pairs of Hurricane gloves that won't melt or drip when exposed to flame like liners made of polyester, (2) two pairs of Overlord Shorty gloves which protect against both fire hazards and abrasions (3) one pair of Firebrand gloves to be used in extreme cold weather, (4) a pair of Poseidon gloves that are waterproof and breathable; and (5) a pair of Firebrand Mitts designed for intense cold found in alpine conditions. The system provides comfort to the wearer and sufficient dexterity to perform mission essential tasks such as rappelling, fast-roping, and operating a weapon. This glove system is compliant with the Berry Amendment and is made entirely of fabrics made in the USA.

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## Military and Commercial Significance

Outdoor Research was awarded a \$55M Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) from the Department of Defense (DoD). A number of DoD components have purchased the Company's Modular Glove System. The contract has delivered over 3,000 systems.

In addition, the U.S. Army has purchased 10,000 systems for use in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, as well as the New Stryker Brigade in Alaska.

By the end of 2012, Outdoor Research will have delivered, between its Modular Glove kits and the various individual gloves that make up the System, 118,200 units at a total cost of over \$27.4 million.

In 2012 Outdoor Research was recognized as the Innovator of the Year in Seattle. Outdoor Research sells a full line of handwear for professionals and recreationists who require highly durable handwear that provides good dexterity over a wide temperature.

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